Management-wise break up of these mills is as under :—

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| (i) Private Sector . . | 4 |
| (ii) Cooperative Sector . . | 6 |
| (iii) National Textile Corporation . . . . | 1 |
| (iv) State Textile Corporation . | 1 |

(c) and (d) The Orissa Textile Mills located in Chaudwar is implementing a scheme of renovation and modernisation at an estimated cost of Rs. 871.75 lakhs. Renovation and modernisation has been partly completed with an expenditure of about Rs. 480 lakhs. Up to 30-9-86 National Textile Corporation has spent an amount of Rs. 297.57 lakhs on modernisation of its only spinning mill, Orissa Cotton Mill, Cuttack in Orissa.

**Promotion of Works Assistants as Junior Engineers in Municipal Corporation, Delhi**

1611. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vacant posts of Junior Engineers (Electrical, Civil and Mechanical) which are lying vacant in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and what are reasons for keeping these posts vacant;

(b) what are the recruitment rules for the recruitment of Junior Engineers (Electrical, Civil and Mechanical), indicating the departmental quota, if any, in DMC;

(c) what is the number of candidates holding degrees/ diplomas in Engineering and working as Works Assistants on Muster Roll, daily wages basis for three years or more; and

(d) what steps the Government propose to take to promote Works Assistants as Junior Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The number of vacant posts are indicated below :

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| (i) Junior Engineer (Civil) (for want of prepration of panel) . . . . . | 35 |
| (ii) Junior Engineer (Electrical) (Due to a pending court ca e) . . . . . | 6 |
| (iii) Junior Engineer (Mechanical) . . . . | Nil |

(b) The recruitment rules provide for possession of a degree or diploma in engineering with 2 years professional experience. The prescribed age for direct recruitment is 25 years, relaxable upto 35 years for Government servants/MCD employees.

(c) 80.

(d) Those working as Work Assistants and possesing prescribed qualifications are eligible to apply for these posts along with candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange. The question of promotion does not arise.

**Diversion of special grant gives to MCD for Delhi Fire Service**

1612. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the special grant given by the Central Government to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for modernisation of the Delhi Fire Service after the Siddhartha Hotel fire incident has been diverted by the DMC for implementation of less important schemes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the amount of such grant diverted by the DMC to other schemes and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A grant of Rs. 11.83 crores spread over 2 years has been sanctioned for improvement of the Delhi Fire Service. This is to cover the purchase of equipments and appliances and setting up of 5 new fire stations and underground static tanks.

An amount of Rs. 5 crores has been released during the last financial year and the Delhi Fire Service have stated that this is being utilised for the specified purposes.

**Smack Dens in Delhi**

1613. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported conversion of the 'smack joints' into 'crack houses' by the drug peddlers in Delhi and that a large number of such smack dens in Andha Mughal, Madangir, Paharganj, INA Market, AIIMS, and other places are peddling in 'crack' drug; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to liquidate the racket involved in running such dens in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Only one case of seizure of suspected "crack" has been reported. No case of "smack joint" or "Crack House/den" in Andha Mughal, Madangir, Paharganj, INA Market, AIIMS and other places has come to the notice of Delhi Police.

(b) The action taken under the provisions of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, enforced with effect from 14-11-1985, has had its impact and there has been a decrease in drug trafficking cases in Delhi since then. Some active drug traffickers/smugglers operating inter-state and also internationally have been identified and a constant watch is maintained on their movements. Close liaison is maintained with other enforcement agencies and special watch is kept at the entry and exit points of the Union Territory of Delhi against drug trafficking.

**Deaths due to mishaps in mines in Delhi**

1614. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers who died due to mishaps in Delhi mines during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) how many out these deaths were due to mishandling of explosives;

(c) how many workers received compensation during this period along with the amount paid in each case; and

(d) what steps are being taken to enforce mine safety measures strictly in Delhi mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The number of workers who died during the last three years due to accidents in the mines in Delhi for which leases/permits have been granted by Delhi Admn. is indicated below:

| Year | No. of workers died |
|---|---|
| 1984 | 1 |
| 1985 | 3 |
| 1986 | Nil |